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In re Patent No. 6,523,680
Issue Date: February 25, 2003
Application No. 09/874,589
Filed: June 5, 2001
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on May 9, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

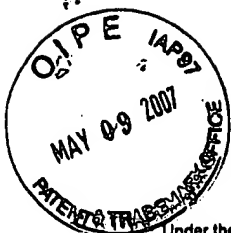
Since petitioner has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the delay in timely paying the maintenance fee was unintentional, the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is hereby **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3226.

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(c))**

Docket Number (Optional)

4319.016.20

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☐ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1,640.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,640.00

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- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,540.00.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ the sum of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this authorization is attached.

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee payment
- ☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- ☒ Copy of Patent Expiration